

Update from your local councillors



Grimley Parish Council serves (in no particular order) the communities of Grimley Village, Monkwood Green, Sinton Green, Oakall Green, Birchall Green, Moseley, Worlds End, Dark Lane, Walton Lane, Camp Lane and all inbetween!

Chair Dave Stanley	Vice Chair Allan Bretherton	A. Atkinson	P. Ayers
G. Moore	G. Probert	J. Izamis	S. Wilson
1 x parish councillor vacancy available for immediate co-option. Parish Council elections 4th May 2023. Elections purdah starts 27 March 2023.			

Hopefully we are over the worst of the weather for this winter. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped the Camp Inn during the recent flood event and to those that helped at Monkwood Green to clear drains and ditches and prevent flooding there.

Councillors have received formal notice that the application for the solar farm at Birchall Green has been turned down. The applicant has six months to file an appeal and, once/if an appeal is lodged, the parish council will look to work quickly to continue as per the mandate previously provided by parishioners. Parish Councillors have always expressed support for renewable energy and solar panels, but advocate that they must always be placed on appropriate sites, proportionate to their surroundings. With that all in mind, as I write the first meeting of the Parish Climate Emergency Working Party is due to take place and will look at focusing on two or three projects that parishioners of all ages can participate. New members and ideas very welcome. No suggestion is too small.

The parish council is also looking to recruit a number of volunteers to help coordinate with Worcestershire County Council in looking after our parish public rights of way. The purpose of the volunteers would be to work together to inspect, publicise and open-up local rights of way, often in poor condition, for all to enjoy. No experience or equipment necessary. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to get involved.

Parish Cllrs and our County Cllr are pushing hard for 'shared space' signage which will be placed at the entrance to Camp Lane. This signage encourages equal priority for walkers, bikers and horse riders as well as vehicular traffic and will improve this access route for the whole community. The parish council has also responded and encouraged proposals for double yellow lines at the Grimley village bottom triangle, so that buses can safely reverse when collecting and dropping off passengers.

Parish Councillors are examining the serious levels of bank erosion along the towpath, possibly exacerbated by the design of the fish pass - all causes are being examined.

Thank you to all farmers and land owners that have cut their hedges this year. It helps to keep the parish tidy and improves visibility for all road users. As a reminder the deadline is 1st March in order to avoid the bird nesting season. The condition of the verges along the roads through Monkwood continues to be high on the agenda and the parish council is lobbying for regular maintenance by the charity owners.

Contact the parish clerk if you would like to receive agendas or minutes by email.

Minutes – there was no meeting in December and the January minutes remain unapproved.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 27th Febr 2023, 7.30pm, Peace Hall, Sinton Green.

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Sinton Green as a wildflower and biodiversity centre of excellence.

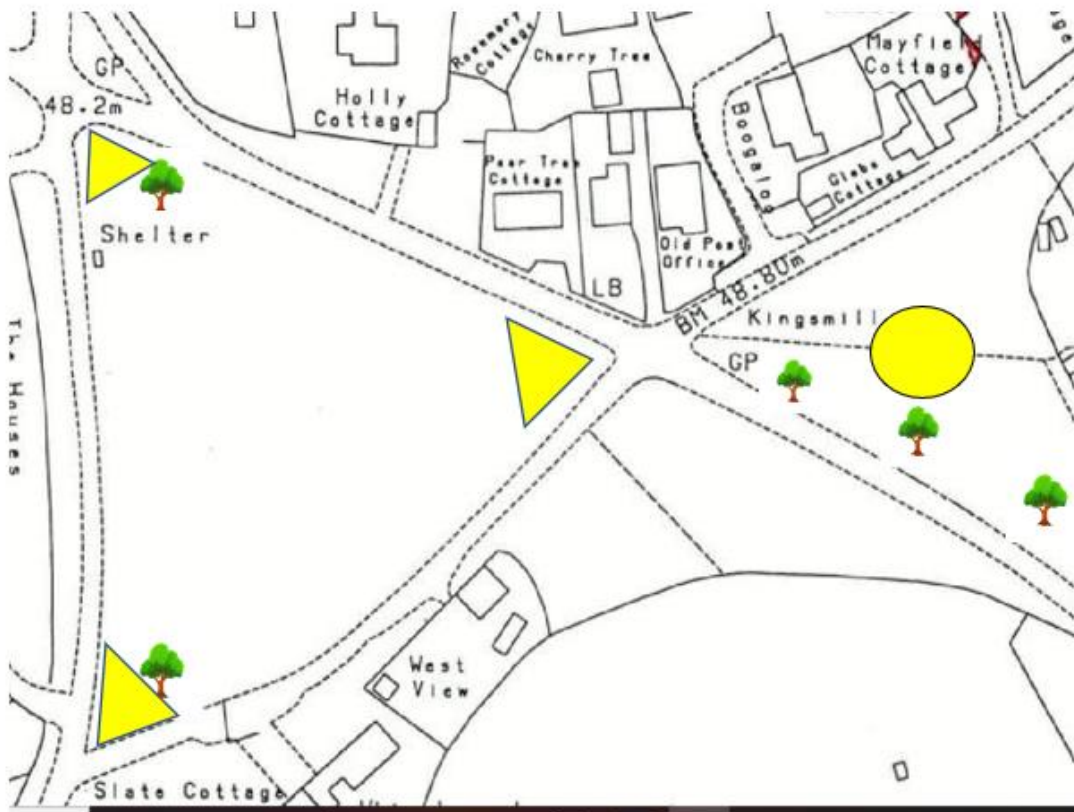
Last year (2022) in conjunction with the Lengthsman we allowed certain areas of the green to grow "wild".

In our opinion this proved to be a major success. We now plan a more concentrated effort as marked in yellow to attract biodiversity and a source of wildflowers which we will seed this year. The chosen sites still allow plenty of room for parish fetes and events on the large green as well as parking on the smaller green.

It is hoped that this project will also be educational for the children of the hamlet as well as those from surrounding areas.

Please give this project your full support.

Cllr Allan J Bretherton



Key Yellow left as a "meadow" to attract wildlife and sow wildflowers. Only cut once per year

Final notes from Grimley Clerk. The parish council are exploring options for **allotments** in the parish. Please contact the parish council if this is something that you would be interested in. Nothing is certain – we are expression of interest stage only at present. **Memorial benches**, funded by resident donations, are due to be installed at Monkwood and Sinton. Thank you to everyone that has assisted with these projects. There continues to be so much community spirit at Monkwood Green with everyone getting stuck in to help maintain the **SSSI**. Too many people to thank but your voluntary efforts are really paying off and the forthcoming council five year rolling maintenance plan (coming to a Monkwood resident cake and coffee meeting near you) will look to ensure that all your hard work is not wasted. Special thank you to the two young contractors who broke all records for energy and dedication – you know who you are!